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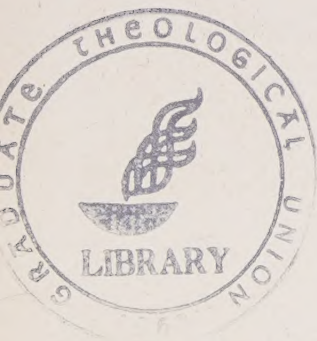
INTRODUCTORY SERVICES

FOR CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

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OUR FAITH

WE BELIEVE IN
THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD
THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS
SALVATION BY CHARACTER
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First Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

LET not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

God that made the world and all things therein dwelleth not in temples made with hands; he giveth to all life and breath and all things: in him we live and move and have our being.

ADDRESS.

LET us draw nigh to God, the unseen and unsearchable One, ever present in our life, yet infinitely above our highest thoughts. He has breathed into us the spirit whereby we call him, Father. Let us come to him as his children, and, with trust in his love and thankfulness for all his goodness, let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

GOSPEL.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

EPISTLES.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

(Minister and People.)

LET US NOT, THEREFORE, JUDGE ONE ANOTHER ANY MORE; BUT JUDGE THIS RATHER, THAT NO MAN PUT A STUMBLING-BLOCK, OR AN OCCASION TO FALL, IN HIS BROTHER'S WAY.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

OUR FATHER, who art ever near us, ever ready to answer our call, cleanse us, we pray thee, from every unholy desire, and remove from us every vain and evil thought: that our worship may be pure and acceptable in thy sight, and that we may worthily ask and receive thy blessing. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Second Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

WHEREWITH shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? He hath shown thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

ADDRESS.

UNDER the shelter of the Divine Providence we have spent another week of our lives. And now, on this day of quiet and rest, when we pause amidst the labors and cares of our daily work, it is good for us to spend a peaceful hour together in worship and communion; to meditate on life, its duties, its trials, its blessings; to seek from him who orders our ways strength to do his will, faith to trust ourselves to his care.

Let us then, with reverence, lift our souls in grateful love to God our Father; and may we henceforth find him nearer to us in our daily lives, to guide, to strengthen, and to bless.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, and uttereth no reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never fall.

GOSPEL.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy:

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:

For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

EPISTLES.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

(Minister and People.)

LET US, THEREFORE, FOLLOW AFTER THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR PEACE, AND THINGS WHEREWITH ONE MAY EDIFY ANOTHER.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

ETERNAL GOD, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us

alternate mercies of the darkness and the day; there is no light but thine, without, within. As thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and though all else decline, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk while it is yet day, in the steps of him who with fewest hours finished thy divinest work. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Glory be to the Father, who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Third Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

WHO shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Now the Lord is that Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

ADDRESS.

WE meet to-day as members of one household of faith. Let us put far away from us every thought of unkindness and ill-will, and whatever else would hinder a true union of our spirits in brotherly affection. Remembering how much we all stand in need of forgiveness, let us from our heart forgive our brother's trespasses, and no longer cherish any feeling or purpose that is forbidden by the law of love. Then we may return to our homes with our spirits quickened and refreshed.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

THOU wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

GOSPEL.

Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt hath lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?

It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

EPISTLES.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love never faileth; but whether there be prophesies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

(Minister and People.)

AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE: BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD, who didst send thy word to speak in the prophets and live in thy Son, and appoint thy church

to be the witness of divine things in all the world, revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony; and through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passion, make the still small voice of thy spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may thy kingdom come from age to age. Hold us that we may be delivered from all temptations, and may walk according to thy holy will until our lives' end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

O UR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

The Lord is my light and my sal va tion; whom shall I fear;

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be a - fraid? A men.

Fourth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

SEEK ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

ADDRESS.

THE Infinite Spirit, who fills all worlds with his presence, in whom we live and move and have our being, has need of no words for man to hold converse with him, for he knows our thoughts and every secret of our hearts. But we live in his world, we taste his bounty, we breathe his air; his power sustains us, his justice guides, his goodness protects, and his love blesses us forever. Let us come to him as his children, and, with thankfulness for all his goodness, let us worship him in spirit and in

truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God:
Let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God:
Let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

GOSPEL.

Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise, ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

But when thou doest alms, let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth;

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

EPISTLES.

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

NOT as being worthy, but trusting in thy loving kindness, O God most high, we draw near to thee. Not as we would, but as we are able, we bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us one to another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which thou hast given us to do. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Glory be to the Father who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Fifth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

THE Lord is gracious and full of compassion, long suffering, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

ADDRESS.

WHETHER we wake or sleep, whether we live or die, we are in the hands of God. Under his protection we lie down to rest, in his strength we awake to find him with us. His hand leads us forth, his light shines on our path, and from his fatherly bounty we receive the gifts of each new day. And shall we not, from the multitude of the blessings we enjoy, look upwards to the divine source from whence they flow, and adore the goodness which makes our lives so rich? Let us lift up our hearts unto the Lord, and may our praises and our prayers help to make our

whole life an offering pure and acceptable in his sight.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

REJOICE in the Lord, all ye righteous: Praise is comely for the upright. Sing unto him a new song.

For the word of the Lord is right: he loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

GOSPEL.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.

For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and unto him that knocketh it shall be opened.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

EPISTLES.

Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O THOU who art everywhere present, we would thus lift our spirits unto thee; we would hold communion with thee, and be strengthened

for our duties, sorrows, and joys. For a moment we would remember in thy presence the lives that we lead, the work thou givest us to do, our short-comings, or any success that is in us; and while we muse on these things, may the fire of devotion burn within our hearts, and so stir us, that from our moment of worship we may learn to serve thee all the days of our lives.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

O UR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be accepted - a - ble in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Re - deem - er. A - men.

Sixth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

BLESSED be the Lord God, that giveth beauty for ashes; and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.

God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him.

ADDRESS.

LET us lift up our hearts in reverence, in humility, to that spirit of love and wisdom who pervades this house of worship. Unseen by the outer eye, unheard by the outer ear, God reigns here, without, within. Let all voices join in singing, and all hearts unite in thanksgiving unto him. Let us recognize the brotherhood of which he is the Father, and joining with sincerity and earnestness in the worship of this hour, may we find this to be a true meeting-time between the Father in heaven and his children on earth.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

GOSPEL.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father.

Fear not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

EPISTLES.

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another.

Be ye angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O THOU who art the one God and Father of all, who hast breathed thine own spirit into thy children and made us to be at one with each other as members of thy household: enable us, we beseech thee, to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. De-

liver us, we pray thee, from all blindness and prejudice, and whatever else would turn our hearts from each other.

By the charity of our temper and thoughts, may we show forth the power of the gospel of love, and may we live in unity with all our brethren, as followers of the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

O UR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Glory be to the Father, who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Seventh Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, nor whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

ADDRESS.

ON this day of rest, we feel that it is good for us to spend some part of our leisure in spiritual communion, and meditation on things unseen. Let us dedicate now a quiet hour to sacred thoughts, and hallowed memories, to unlifting hopes and aspirations. And if we may gain here any true peace of mind, any comfort, any strength of heart, let us bless God for it, and go back to our work, to our daily interests and cares, prepared to bear more patiently any burdens that may be laid upon us.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the worlds, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it.

GOSPEL.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

EPISTLES.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

For if any man be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

But whoso looketh unto the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O THOU inspirer and helper of all who put their trust in thee: we thank thee for this day which tells us of Jesus, who lived that he might save men by love, and heal them by sympathy. We thank thee for the revelation of that purity which is stronger than armies, and for the truth, which is greater than knowledge. May our souls be moved, and our wills be melt-

ed in the presence of such tender passion, and grant, O most holy One, that the lessons of this day be not lost upon us; but enkindling within our own hearts that true charity for all men, may send us forth on missions of healing and blessing. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

O UR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system is for the first line of the prayer, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

System 1:

Vocal: The Lord is my light and my sal va tion; whom shall I fear;

Piano: Accompaniment for the first line.

System 2:

Vocal: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be a - fraid? A men.

Piano: Accompaniment for the second line.

Eighth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

THEREFORE, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment; and the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

ADDRESS.

ASSEMBLED in the house of God, let us each inwardly pray for the spirit of Jesus, and so let us offer up to the Lord of heaven and earth our humble worship and obedience. Let our prayers rise like incense to the very throne of God. So, by true spiritual worship, we shall go from grace to grace, and from strength to strength, until we stand forever in his presence.

RESPONSIVE READING.

JESUS loved the beauty of Nature, and drew sacred lessons from the birds and flowers, the sunshine and the rain.

He loved little children, and laid his hands on them with blessing.

He loved the poor and humble, and was a friend to the friendless.

He loved the outcast and the wicked, and bade them go in peace and sin no more.

He came not to destroy, but to fulfill the law and the prophets.

He came not to condemn, but to save.

He came not to build a kingdom of force, but a kingdom of truth and love.

He came not to be served, but to serve.

For he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; and he made himself poor that many might be made rich.

So his pure life has become the light of the world.

God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name above every name among men.

In the spirit of sonship we join with Jesus in the worship of his Father and our Father, his God and our God.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O THOU who didst send thy son, Jesus, to bring new life and light into the world, and to declare glad tidings of thy truth and love; we thank thee for his divine teachings and his holy example; and we pray that we

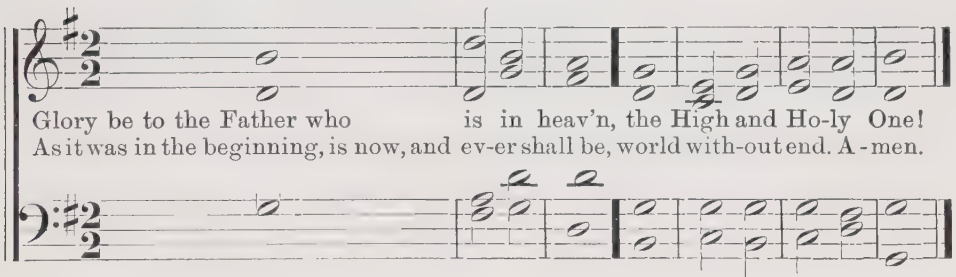
may become conformed to the image of his obedience, his patience, and faith. May that sweet spirit of humility and devotion which filled his soul be manifested in us. May we learn of him to be strong and brave in the struggle with temptation. So may he help us, as he *has* helped us, along our earthly way; and, striving to follow in his footsteps, may we walk with steadfast patience and with a joyful hope in whatever path thou hast appointed for us. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

OUR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.



Glory be to the Father who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Ninth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

THEY that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is Love.

ADDRESS.

AGAIN has come the day which bids us lay aside the burdens of care, and the anxiety of the daily task. In the struggle for mastery over things material we often forget the divine purpose of our life. Driven by the desire for gain, or the longing for pleasure, we become enslaved, fettered by new wants, oppressed by new burdens. Therefore, it is well, that on this day set apart for rest, we shall strive to regain that freedom of soul

which comes through devotion to the higher duties of life. In this spirit let us now worship together, dedicating ourselves anew to the service of goodness, of justice and righteousness.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS.

CAST thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he never shall suffer the righteous to be moved.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him.

GOSPEL.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

EPISTLES.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face generations rise and pass away: age after age the living seek thee, and find

that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion: still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. O thou sole Source of peace and righteousness, take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with the prophets and saints, who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

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To be sung by the Congregation.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be accepted -

cept - a - ble in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Re - deem - er. A - men.

Tenth Service

Sentences to be read by the Minister.

SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift.

He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

ADDRESS.

WE are surrounded on every side by the mystery of an invisible presence, and an unsearchable power. But it is the presence of One who reveals himself in our own life as holiness, righteousness, and love, the infinite and eternal spirit in whom we live and move and have our being.

He has breathed into us the spirit whereby we call him Father. Let us come to him as his children, and, with trust in his love, and thankfulness for all his goodness, let us worship him in spirit and in truth.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PSALMS

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

GOSPEL.

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak.

To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

EPISTLES.

For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

And if children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O THOU who art the great deep of eternal peace, the boundless ocean of love, the fountain of all blessedness: open to us this day the streams of thy mercy, and the fresh springs of thy goodness. Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon our souls to refresh and comfort us. May

thy light guide us, and thy faithfulness strengthen us, and thy holy spirit unite us to thee and to one another, in the bonds of a firm faith, and a steadfast hope, and love that never faileth. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

O UR FATHER who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

Glory be to the Father, who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

THE Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let the earth and heavens rejoice; let all his creatures be glad together.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

ADDRESS.

WE have set apart this day for a special service of thanksgiving to God, our Father, for his goodness to us during the past year.

Let us to-day forget our trials and sorrows and call to mind the blessings we have received.

Let us be thankful for the fruits that have come to us from the harvest-fields of earth. Let us be even more thankful for the growth of the spirit of universal humanity, which is the very soul of our Christian religion.

Let us reveal, in our daily lives, the spirit of true brotherhood; so shall we show our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by deeds.

RESPONSIVE READING.

PRAISE be to God, and thanksgiving forever!

To him we owe all our blessings, who crowneth us with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

For all the fruits of the field, for the stores of the garden, for the flocks that whiten the plain, the grass that feedeth the cattle, and the grain that nourisheth men,

Our souls give thee glad thanksgiving and solemn praise!

For peace, prosperity, and health, for wealth and happiness, for the joys of love, the shelter of home, the glad streams of knowledge, the holy light of religion,

Our souls give thee glad thanksgiving and solemn praise!

Let our church and homes ring with anthems, while our mouths and hearts sing the mercies of the Lord;

Whose bounty never ends, whose goodness never fails, whose loving-kindness is our sure habitation.

Break into praise, my soul! All nature join! all creatures lift their voices together!

While our years are measured by the sun; and while eternity shall run its course.

(Minister and People.)

PRAISE THE LORD, WHOSE GOODNESS IS NEVER-ENDING! PRAISE HIM WITH SONGS OF THANKSGIVING!

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

THOU who art infinitely exalted above our highest thoughts, whose love and goodness no name expresses, and no tongue can tell: we rejoice to come to thee with the offering of our praise and thanksgiving, to adore thine infinite greatness and thine unspeakable love. Now would we lift up our souls into the sunlight of thy presence, and fervently thank thee for all the blessings wherewith thou crownest our days, that our life may be filled with yet more of strength and gladness, and that we may learn to praise thee better in the thoughts of our heart, and in the works of our hands.

May the remembrance of thy fatherly goodness to us make our thoughts kind and gracious toward all our brethren whom we may help and cheer; that we may be ever generous and considerate, ready to succor the needy and to feed the hungry, and rejoicing to lighten any burden of poverty and distress. So may we show forth the power of that loving and self-denying spirit which was in Jesus, and become less unworthy to be called thy children, and to receive thine unnumbered gifts of blessing. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and Congregation.

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To be sung by the Congregation.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Glory be to the Father, who is in heav'n, the High and Ho-ly One! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The lyrics are placed between the two staves, with the melody notes positioned above the Treble staff and the bass line below the Bass staff.

Christmas

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

JESUS is the great emancipator. He came to set the spirit of man free.

He came to give liberty to human nature through the whole range of its affections, faculties, and energies.

Jesus came to free the intellect, to give man liberty of thought, and break the chains in which the reason had been held.

Jesus came to be the emancipator of the oppressed conscience: to present a glorious ideal of goodness and greatness.

Jesus came not only to emancipate the intellect and conscience, but to set free our imprisoned energy of love.

Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost, not to destroy it; and to lose his own life, not to save it.

[William Ellery Channing.]

ADDRESS.

IN the glad joy of our Christmas-tide we come together to celebrate the birth of a new spirit in the world, and that old yet ever new miracle which is in the beginnings of life, in the power of innocence and in the divinity of childhood. Here let us learn the true humility of a child; here may the voice speak to us of the coming kingdom of peace, so that, heeding its divine prompting, we may look no more back, but press forward to the mark

of our high calling, even unto the heritage reserved for all God's sons who strive to do his righteous will.

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED be the Lord God, for he hath not left himself without a witness.

But hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

Giving light to those who sit in darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;

That publisheth peace, that proclaimeth glad tidings of salvation.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PRAYER.*To be said by the Minister.*

WE bless and praise thee, O God, for the great gift of thy goodness in him whose birth we commemorate this day. We would pay the glad homage of our gratitude and love at the lowly cradle in which Jesus was laid when he was born to bless the world; and would echo in our hearts the heavenly song of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men." As now our homes are gladdened by the joyful meeting of kindred and friends, so may our hearts be filled, not now only, but at all times, with the true spirit of kindness and brotherly affection. May the bright promise of the gospel of love be fulfilled in us, and thy kingdom come, and thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven; and may the dayspring from on high arise on every heart, to give light to them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.*To be said by the Minister and Congregation.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

To be sung by the Congregation.

The Lord is my light and my sal va tion; whom shall I fear;

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be a - fraid? A men.

Easter

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

EXCEPT a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and the garden causeth the things sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth among all nations.

So when this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Death, however we misname him, seasonable or out of time, is the birth-angel, that alone.

Bodily senses imply their objects: the eye, light; the ear, sound; the touch, the taste, the smell, things relative thereto. Spiritual senses likewise foretell their object—are silent prophecies of endless life.

The love of justice, beauty, truth, of man and God, points to realities unseen as yet. The senses are satisfied, but the soul never.

ADDRESS.

WITH hearts and minds open to the lessons of this season, when all nature prophesies to man, let us rejoice in that Christian gospel which interprets the prophecy of na-

ture, and celebrate with gladness the triumph of life over death, of spiritual continuance through all outward change. Let us answer the manifold lessons with newness of life in ourselves, that so, casting off the works of darkness to put on the armor of light, and led by the hope that is full of immortality, we may press forward in glad and faithful service unto that world in which is fulness of joy and life everlasting.

RESPONSIVE READING.

WE are no more strangers and exiles, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below; not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

We therefore pray thee, O Lord, help thy servants whom thou hast created in thy image.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Let the dead and living praise thee,

O God, above, below ; let all the generations praise thee.

(Minister and People.)

BLESSED BE THE ETERNAL ONE, WHO GIVETH US THE VICTORY.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

WE bless thee, Father, for all those who are joined with us in the bonds of love, whether by our side, or removed by distance, or separated even by the gates of death. And if we know not how to thank thee when those dear to us are taken away from this world and this mortal life, and are clothed with immortality, yet we thank thee that with the eye of faith we can follow them to the world where they are living still to thee. We remember with tender regret and heartfelt gratitude the days when they were with us on earth, and life was made sweeter to us by their presence ;

and we look with yet more of hope and desire to the world of light, whither they have gone before, and towards which we are all traveling. And when our spirits shrink before the mystery of life and death, may we be comforted by the thought of that immortal love which knows no change ; and feel that, whether we live or die, we are safe in thine everlasting arms. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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Our Country

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of thy throne:

Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

ADDRESS.

IT is fitting that as citizens we should publicly acknowledge our gratitude to God, for his goodness to us as a people. It is fitting that, in all the experiences through which we are called to pass, we should recognize God as the Father of all mankind; as the power in the universe which governs the nations according to the eternal, unchangeable principles of justice and righteousness.

“O Beautiful, Our Country,
Round thee in love we draw;
Thine is the grace of Freedom,
The majesty of Law.

“Be Righteousness thy sceptre,
Justice thy diadem;
And on thy shining forehead
Be Peace the crowning gem.”

RESPONSIVE READING.

BLESSED be the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits!

The lines are fallen to us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage.

Our fathers have told us what works he did in times of old; how he gathered them out of many lands, and planted a new nation as a vine in the wilderness.

It took deep root, and it filled the land.

The hills were covered with its shadow, and its boughs were like the goodly cedars.

Its branches went out to the rivers, and spread to the uttermost sea.

We will not hide these things from our children; but will show them the marvelous works of the Lord, and the wonders of his hand;

That the generations to come may set their hope in God and keep his righteous laws.

Then shall it be known that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men.

*For righteousness exalteth a nation;
but sin is a reproach to any people.*

He will speak peace to the inhabitants of the land; only let them not turn again to folly.

*May wisdom and justice be the
stability of our times!*

Happy is the people that is in such a case!

*Yea, happy is that people whose God
is the Lord!*

not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. To our legislators and counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our judges purely interpret it. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times; and our deepest trust be in thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

ALMMIGHTY Lord, of whose righteous will all things are, and were created; who liftest the islands out of the deep, and preparest not in vain the habitable world: thou hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let

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